

L. H. J. Union which my Lords Prop<sup>ty</sup> & Guilford have so much at heart for the Common good.

Gentleman of the Upper and Lower Houses.

I am Comanded by the Lord Guilford on the behalf of the Lord prop<sup>ty</sup> to deliver you his L<sup>pps</sup> most obliging Answer to your Address dated the tenth of October past this being the first time of the Meeting of the Assembly since I reced it, by this Answer you will find his L<sup>pp</sup> had the goodness to promise you that no Person should be advanced to any Preferment that would not qualify themselves by Law & I can now Acquaint You that it is their L<sup>pps</sup> Pleasure actually to Remove them.

These unqualified Persons obtaining Offices in the Manner they did, that is in Truth by Surprize and Misinformacōn as it created much uneasiness in the minds of a great Majority of the People, so I hope the effectuall Care that has been taken by the Lords Proprietary and Guilford for their Speedy removall from their Employments will put an End to all feuds and animosities Amongst you. the Cause of your Complaint being now removed it is justly expected the Effects should cease of Course And I doubt not you will Shew yourselves true Protestants indeed, by your Charitable Demeanor to your Neighbours of another perswasion since it is no longer in their Power to do you any Injury.

However I may have been personally ill represented in great Brittain for doing my Approved Duty of exerting the Laws against such as made no Scruple to invade them. Yet I shall never forget th<sup>t</sup> maxim I learned when a Soldier that whilst the Enemy was in Arms to oppose them with a vigorous resolucon, but when Providence was pleased to bless the juster side with the advantage to treat them with Humanity.

I hope the Gentlemen of the Romish Comunion will Prudently consider their Own Intrest and Content themselves with the Lenity of the Govern<sup>t</sup> they Live under who admits them in this Province to an Equall share of Priviledges with the rest of their fellow Subjects, the bearing of Offices alone excepted to my Knowledge this would be thought an inestimable Blessing by the Protestants who Dwell in the Roman Catholick Dominions if nothing more was expected from them than a Dutifull Submission to the Laws of their Country, which no wise State will ever Suffer to be infringed.

I have on severall Occasions recomended to you the absolute Necessity of Propagating Learning in this Province by making some competent Provision for Schools and it would be happy if there was a ffoundation at least for one in every County. But as yet there is but slender Encouragment given